

Handled with care...



A handcrafted bespoke kitchen breathes new life into an *Art Deco* property in Nottinghamshire

Never work with children or animals. This classic saying must have been running through designer Jamie Ellis's mind when he was asked to create a traditional Edwardian kitchen to suit not only a 1930s Art Deco house but also the owners' two cats.

"In my previous kitchen my Bengal cat used to jump up on to the top of the cupboards and chew the corners, so the new ones needed to be very high," says homeowner Kelder Merritt, who specified a duck-egg blue colour scheme to match an existing sideboard and chairs, and carved cornice detail for this very special project. "When we bought the house it had been empty for five years. The kitchen is the new part of the house but links in with the old kitchen which is now a snug."

Jamie, a designer from bespoke kitchen manufacturer Charles Yorke, took inspiration from country house styling and produced a design of contrasting textures and colours.

Intricately handcarved drawer fronts with lettering and decorative reeded pilasters play an important role in this space and sit alongside more contemporary choices, including timber tambour doors and granite inserts ●●●



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“We chose integrated appliances in this instance. I think sometimes a stainless steel appliance can look too industrial in a small cooking kitchen and therefore is best hidden away to create a more unified uncluttered design,” Jamie adds.

Timber and handpainted elements in soft cream and pale blue have been successfully blended with Emerald Pearl granite surfaces and stainless steel appliances. Traditional meets the modern world in this kitchen, as Jamie explains.

It’s not just the cats that are left with Cheshire grins: “As a kitchen it flows very well,” says Kelder, “I enjoy cooking and spend a lot of time in the kitchen so it needs to have good functionality as well as look good. It has everything and my friends are blown away by it.” ●

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The island unit also incorporates an all important upholstered built-in cat bed. As well as pets being snugly stowed away, Kelder’s no clutter policy also means the small worktop appliances and microwave are discretely harboured in pocket-door units. Bins remain hidden in specially designed cupboards.



Details

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